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- (1) Schilberg, U.S. Patent No. 3,102,576, issued September 3, 1963; and
- (2) Haack, U.S. Patent No. 5,007,264, issued April 16, 1991.

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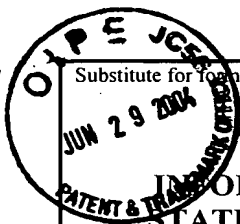
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